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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals received under the Special Economic Zone Act; State-wise;

(b) the main objectives and provisions of the Act alongwith the names of the States which are not in agreement with the said Act;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government has decided not to make any changes in the said Act in view of time constraints;

(e) if so, whether a uniform approach has been adopted in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Since the coming into force of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, 453 formal approvals have been granted for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) spread over 22 States and Union Territories (UT). A statement giving the distribution of proposals received for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which have been approved by the Board of Approvals under the SEZ Act, 2005 is annexed.

(b)to(c): The objectives of the SEZ Act are

(i) Generation of additional economic activity;

(ii) Promotion of exports of goods and services;

(iii) Promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources;

(iv) creation of employment opportunities and

(v) development of infrastructure facilities. No State has indicated that they are not in agreement with the objectives and provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act (SEZs),2005.

(d)to(g) There is no proposal to amend the provisions of SEZ Act, 2005, which is applicable to all States.